

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit NJ-16P, Matawan Point, New Jersey Summary of Final Recommended Changes

Type of Unit: Recommended new
Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)

Location of Unit: Monmouth County,
New Jersey

Congressional District: 6

Date of Final Recommended Map:
October 7, 2016

Number of Maps: Unit NJ-16P is
depicted on one map.

Base Map Imagery Source and Date: U.S.
Department of Agriculture, National
Agriculture Imagery Program, 2015

Establishment of Unit: The area
recommended for inclusion within new
OPA Unit NJ-16P is not currently
within the Coastal Barrier Resources
System (CBRS).

Recommended new Unit NJ-
16P meets the Coastal Barrier
Resources Act (CBRA) criteria for
an undeveloped coastal barrier (16
U.S.C. 3503(g)(1)), and the majority of
the unit is consistent with the CBRA
definition of an OPA, which is an area
“established under Federal, State,
or local law, or held by a qualified
organization, primarily for wildlife
refuge, sanctuary, recreational,
or natural resource conservation
purposes” (Section 12 of the Coastal
Barrier Improvement Act; Pub. L.
101-591).

Public Comments: The U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service) held a
45-day public comment period on the
draft map dated May 16, 2016, from
July 7 through August 22, 2016. For
a summary of the comments received
and the Service’s responses, see the
document entitled *Summary of Public
Comments Received on Draft Maps
for John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier
Resources System Units NJ-02/NJ-
02P, NJ-03P, NJ-04, NJ-15P and NJ-
16P, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Responses and Recommendations,*

which is available on the Service’s
website at: www.fws.gov/cbra.

**Changes between Proposed and Final
Recommended Boundaries:** There are
no changes between the proposed
boundary of Unit NJ-16P depicted
on the draft map dated May 16, 2016,
and the final recommended boundary
of the unit depicted on the map dated
October 7, 2016.

Final Recommended Unit: The final
recommended map dated October
7, 2016, creates new OPA Unit NJ-
16P. Included within this new unit
are an undeveloped spit known as
Matawan Point and its associated
aquatic habitat, which are held for
conservation and/or recreation
purposes by the Township of
Aberdeen. An area of privately
owned wetlands and a portion of
Matawan Creek are included within
the recommended new OPA where
it is impractical from a mapping
perspective to delineate them
separately as a System Unit.

The Service’s final recommended map
depicts changes to the CBRS that will
only take effect if the updated map is
adopted through legislation enacted by
Congress.

Matawan Point Unit NJ-16P, New Jersey

Acreeage, Shoreline, and Structures:

	<i>Total Acres</i>	<i>Fastland Acres*</i>	<i>Associated Aquatic Habitat Acres**</i>	<i>Shoreline Miles</i>	<i>Structures***</i>
Existing Unit	0	0	0	0.0	
Added to the CBRS	123	20	103		0
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area	0	0	0		
Final Recommended Unit	123	20	103	0.5	
Net Change	123	20	103	0.5	0

*Land above mean high tide.

**Associated aquatic habitat includes wetlands, marshes, estuaries, inlets, and open water landward of the coastal barrier, but does not include open water seaward of the shoreline. This information is derived from an interpretation of 2015 aerial imagery in consultation with National Wetlands Inventory data and other data sources as necessary.

***Approximate structure count derived from 2015 aerial imagery. Structures without walls and a roof (e.g., picnic shelters) and structures with fewer than 200 square feet are not included in this structure count because they do not meet the definition of a "structure" in 16 U.S.C. 3503(g)(2).

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